

MINUTES
OF THE
STATE CONVENTION
OF THE
BAPTIST DENOMINATION
IN
SOUTH-CAROLINA,

AT ITS THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY, HELD AT NEWBERRY VILLAGE, DEC. 7th,
AND CONTINUED TO DEC. 10th, 1833.

On Saturday morning, brother Johnson preached introductory
to business, from Eph. i. 10.

Prayer by brother Hodges.

Credentials were presented, showing that the following Delegates have been appointed to compose the Convention at its present meeting, viz.:

Charleston Association.—B. Manly, J. B. Furman, T. Dargan,† J. C. Furman, J. B. Miller, J. C. Keeney, I. Nicholes, H. W. Mahoney,† J. Hartwell, S. Blanding,† J. Griffith,† and J. Scott.†

Edgefield Association.—W. B. Johnson, W. Belcher,† J. M. Chiles, R. Carson,† J. Landrum,† T. Lake, J. Trapp,† M. Mims, Z. Rudolph, sen.† E. Settle, J. G. O. Wilkinson,† T. J. Hibbler,† N. L. Griffin, Z. Watkins, L. Griffin.†

Savannah River Association.—H. D. Duncan, W. H. Brisbane, J. O'Bannon, L. O'Bannon, J. Broome,† J. S. Broome,† I. L. Brookes, D. Peeples,† R. Bradford,† J. Peyton,† S. Furman, J. T. Robert, E. Estes.

Welsh Neck Association.—W. Dossey,† J. Thomas, R. Napier, D. R. W. M'Iver, J. A. Pouncey, I. D. Wilson.

Education and Missionary Society of Saluda.—A letter, informing us that the Society had been absorbed by other kindred

† Absentees.

Societies, formed for the same objects, and auxiliary to the Convention.

Fellowship Benevolent Society. _____

Congaree Benevolent Society. _____

Charleston Juv. Fem. Education and Missionary Society.—W. E. Bailey.†

Saluda Benevolent Society.—V. Young.

Fem. Ben. Society of Bethlehem, Edgefield District. _____

Mt. Moriah Fem. Mis. and Benevolent Society. _____

Newberry Baptist Church.—N. W. Hodges, J. B. O'Neale, M. T. Mendenhall, R. R. Nance, D. Nance, Y. J. Harrington, J. H. Wilson.

Fem. Aux. Education Society of Edisto, Wadmalaw, and the adjacent main-land.—Letter, and contribution.

A letter was received from the Welsh Neck Association, asking admission into the Convention as a constituent member. The Delegates of that body, who were present, were cordially received by the right hand of fellowship, extended by the President.

1. Proceeded to the election of officers. The following were chosen—W. B. Johnson, *President*; W. Dossey, *Vice President*; B. Manly, *Secretary*. J. B. Miller continued Treasurer without a new election.

2. Received a friendly letter of correspondence from the North Carolina Baptist State Convention—brethren Culpepper, Allen, and M'Allister attended, and were cordially welcomed to a seat. Also, received a letter from the Saluda Baptist Association—their messengers failed to attend. Minutes of the New York and Connecticut State Conventions, and of the Hudson River Baptist Association, were received and laid on the table.

3. Ministering brethren present were invited to seats. Brethren Gibson, Pressley, Smith, Harley, Chambliss, Cooper, Barnes, Worthington and Mangum, were present occasionally during the deliberations.

4. Appointed the following committees:

To arrange the preaching—the Pastor and Deacons of the Newberry Baptist Church, and brethren Mims, and D. R. W. M'Iver.

On Accounts—Brethren Mendenhall and O'Bannon.

On the state of Religion—Brethren Manly, Chiles, Brisbane, and Hodges.

To propose suitable persons for the Board of Agents—Brethren S. Furman, J. Hartwell, and M. Mims.

On minutes of corresponding bodies—Brethren H. D. Duncan, N. L. Griffin, and J. C. Furman.

5. The President brought to the view of the Convention, certain arrangements, involving amendments to the constitution, which he had contemplated as important to the future well-being of the Institution; and the Treasurer also stated, that some of the matters now mentioned, were embraced in a report which he wished to lay before the body. Whereupon

Resolved, That the general subject, with all the papers relating to it, be referred to a special committee, to report at this meeting, viz.: to brethren J. B. O'Neale, B. Manly, I. L. Brookes, J. Thomas, W. B. Johnson.

6. The minutes of the last meeting of the Convention were read by brother Hodges.

7. Brother Hartwell, from the committee on supplying copies of the minutes of Associations to the Library of the Institution, reported, that from the Library of the late Vice President of the Convention, the Rev. Joseph B. Cook, they had been able to procure a bound volume, containing a very numerous collection, which in due time would be added to the Library.

8. Brother Mims reported, that he had made sale of the House and Lot in Edgefield, owned by the Convention—and had executed a title, as agent, to the purchaser. The sale was satisfactory, and a question, relating to the title, was referred to brethren O'neale, Miller, D. Nance, and Griffin.

Brother Mims reported also, that the balance of the Gillison Fund had been secured by a note, which he presented. The arrangement made was satisfactory, and the note returned to brother Mims for collection. Also, requested brother Mims to continue as Agent for the collection of the money due for the house and lot.

9. Appointed brother Griffin to write to the Saluda Association, and brethren Chiles and Keeney as messengers.

Appointed brother Brookes to write to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and brethren Dossey, Thomas, Napier, D. R. W. M'Iver, and Pouncey, to attend as messengers. [Next meeting to be held at Cashie Church, near Windsor, Bertie County, on the Friday before the first Lord's day in Nov. 1834.]

10. Appointed brethren Keeney and Brookes, a committee to confer with the messengers of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, on subjects of mutual concern.

11. The President was requested to write to the Baptist Convention for the State of Georgia, and brethren Hodges, Estes, and Pouncey, were appointed to attend as messengers, at their next meeting. [Meeting to be held at Indian Creek, five miles west of Madison, Morgan County, Geo., on the Friday before the second Sabbath in May, 1834.]

12. *Resolved*, That the next meeting of this body be held in the Village of Barnwell, on the Saturday before the second Lord's Day in December, 1834.

Brother Brookes to preach the introductory sermon on Saturday—brother Hodges in case of failure. Brother J. C. Furman to preach the Charity Sermon on Sunday, and brother Keeney in case of failure.

13. A report was made relative to the design of publishing a periodical in South Carolina, and at the same time a communication was presented from the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, asking our concurrence in recommending the periodicals published by our brethren in North Carolina. The subject was

referred to the committee of this body, appointed to confer with the messengers of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

Adjourned to Monday Morning, 10 o'clock, with prayer from brother Manly.

Lord's Day, Dec. 8.

The engagements and services of the day, were begun with a prayer meeting at sunrise. The Newberry Baptist Church held a meeting for the reception of members, and received one candidate, who was baptized.

The ordination of brother Josiah B. Furman, to the work of the ministry, was attended to, agreeably to the call of the Charleston Church, of which he was a member, as set forth in their letter addressed to the ministers, as individuals, assembled on this occasion. Brethren Hartwell, Hodges, Gibson, Nicholes, J. C. Furman, and B. Manly, took part in this service.

The Charity Sermon was preached by brother Manly, from John iv. 35. "Lift up your eyes, and look upon the fields," &c.—After which a collection was taken from the congregation, amounting to \$185 80.

Brother Brookes preached preparatory to communion, from Heb. ii. 3. "How shall we escape," &c.—And the Supper was administered by brethren Johnson and Gibson.

The evening was employed in miscellaneous devotional exercises.

May the Lord of the harvest grant his own peculiar blessing.

Monday Morning.

The Convention met. Prayer by brother I. M. Allen.

14. *Agreed*, That the amount of the collection on yesterday, after deducting a contribution of \$50, specially devoted to "education of the young brethren," be equally divided between the Education and Foreign Mission Funds.

15. Brother Duncan, from the committee on the minutes of corresponding bodies, reported, that nothing in those minutes seemed to require the notice of this body. The committee suggest the appointment of a day of thanksgiving, in relation to the merciful preservation of the people of this State from the scourge of Cholera. The suggestion was adopted, and the first Lord's day of January, 1834, appointed for that purpose.

16. The committee, to whom was referred the proposed amendments to the constitution, and the subjects brought to view by the President and Treasurer, reported.

Resolved, That the report lie on the table until to-morrow.

17. The committee, in regard to the title of the house and lot in Edgefield, reported as follows: That the title executed by the Agent, M. Mims, to the purchaser, Burt, is defective, and consequently the mortgage: but that the defects in each can be cured, without any new conveyance. For that purpose, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sale and conveyance of the house and lot made by M. Mims, as the Agent of this body, to Harwood Burt, be confirmed, and that the deed of conveyance executed by him,

be considered as the act and deed of the Convention in its corporate character; and for that purpose, that this resolution, signed by the President and Secretary, under the seal of the Convention, be delivered by M. Mims, as the Agent, to the purchaser, upon his complying with the succeeding resolution.

Resolved, That the Purchaser endorse on the mortgage, his acceptance of the preceding resolution, as a confirmation of his title, and his consent that the mortgage should be considered as legal and effectual, as if executed after such acceptance.

This report was accepted—and order was made according to the purport of the resolutions presented in it.

18. The Agent of the Baptist General Tract Society, brother I. M. Allen, being present, was invited to make any communication to this body with which he may be charged. He accordingly made an extended statement as to the objects of the Society—the publications they have made—the fields of labour proposed to be occupied—and the means and wants of the Institution. Whereupon,

Resolved, That the information just given, is highly gratifying to this Convention, and that we hereby recommend this Institution and its publications, to the notice and patronage of the Baptist Churches, and benevolent individuals in our State. It is believed, that this department of benevolent operation has not received from our Churches that efficient support, to which it is justly entitled. It being the object of the Society to circulate many tracts, both at home and abroad, gratuitously, as well as to sell as cheap as possible, and increase the number of its publications, it must receive considerable donations in order to accomplish this object. It is hoped that our brethren generally, will duly consider the importance of aiding and supporting this excellent Institution, that it may go on and increase in usefulness.

NOTE—Fifteen hundred pages of Tracts may be purchased for *one dollar*—when subscribers are willing to aid the Institution by a donation to the Society, half that number will be received. \$25 will constitute a Life Director of the Institution—\$16 will constitute a Life Member, and will entitle him to receive 7500 pages of Tracts—a Life Director will receive Tracts in the like proportion. When any number of subscribers unite, the amount could be put into the hands of some suitable person to act as Agent in transmitting the money and receiving the Tracts. There is a Depository in Charleston, under the direction of W. RILEY, 110 Church street, as Agent of the Southern Branch of the Baptist General Tract Society; and another at Pleasant Hill, Lancaster District, kept by the Rev. S. S. BERDETT. JOHN A. PONCEY, Esq. has been appointed travelling Agent of the Society. He is a member of this body, and is regarded by the Convention as worthy of Christian confidence.

19. The several letters appointed to be prepared, were presented, approved and signed.

20. The publication of the Baptist Annual Register, by I. M. Allen, was brought to the notice of the Convention.

Resolved, That the Convention entertain a conviction of the importance and value of this publication—and would cordially recommend for it the patronage of our brethren generally. The first number was published in January, 1833—the second number will be published in January, 1835.

21. The request of the Charleston Association, respecting the rule of this body which restricts the selection of members of the Board from those persons who had been delegated to attend the Convention, was considered. It being stated that the Constitution was so worded as to render the Board a *legislative* body in the recess of the Convention, and not a mere *ministerial* body, the Convention deem it improper to rescind the rule referred to, at present—but commit to the Board the duty of revising the constitution of the Convention, in reference to the appointment and duties of the Board—and also generally as to all other matters which may appear to them to require alteration; and present their report to the next meeting of Convention.

22. On motion of brother Mims, *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be requested to procure a Seal for this body, and that the President furnish him with a suitable device.

The following article was offered by brother Brisbane, and unanimously adopted:

23. It having pleased our Heavenly Father, since our last session, to remove from us our much esteemed and venerable brother, the Rev. JOSEPH B. COOK, we consider it due to the high station he occupied in this Convention, to make a special record of our feelings on the solemn occasion. Possessed as he was of those traits of character which give efficiency to a Minister of the Gospel; of those qualities which adorn the Christian; and of that amiableness which gives zest to companionship, we cannot refrain from giving some expression of our sorrow under this afflictive providence of God. Hoping, however, as we have reason to do, that our *loss* is our brother's *gain*, and knowing too that God is competent to qualify a proper successor, we would not murmur at that dispensation which has bereaved us of our friend: but as we are permitted to exercise a laudable sympathy, therefore

Resolved, That in the death of the Rev. Joseph B. Cook, this Convention have lost a useful officer, and under God, an efficient instrument in promoting our benevolent designs; and that while we mourn our own bereavement, we sympathize deeply with his afflicted family, and with the churches of which he was the under shepherd, and with the community in general, in his removal from his sphere of usefulness.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the President to the surviving family of the deceased.

24. On motion, *Resolved*, That the committee on the state of Religion have leave to report in the usual way, viz., after the adjournment, by inserting in the minutes extracts from the published statements of the several Associations.

25. The committee for conferring with the messengers of the N. C. Baptist State Convention, reported. The committee, in connexion with our esteemed brethren from North Carolina, had considered the practicability of each body affording a degree of patronage to the Institution of the other. But as no plan could be suggested, which would not involve such change of plan as it was supposed neither body might be able to make, it was unanimously resolved,

That this Convention learn with great pleasure, that the 'Wake Forest Institute,' a manual labor school, having ultimately in view the instruction of young ministers, is about to go into operation in Wake County, N. C. at an early period of the ensuing year: and that our brethren in that State have under their patronage a monthly periodical, entitled the North Carolina Baptist Interpreter—and meditate the establishment of another, to be issued weekly, and called the Biblical Recorder—both under the editorial management of the Rev. Thomas Meredith, Edenton.

Resolved, That as the Rev. J. Mercer is now publishing the Christian Index, by consent of the Board of the General Convention, at Washington, Geo. and has signified, privately, to members of this body, his willingness to transfer the paper to this State, if after trial we may deem it necessary to have a paper in South Carolina—this Convention do recommend the Christian Index to the patronage of our churches and brethren generally.

26. *Resolved*, That it is desirable for this body to possess at once the building erected for the use of the Institution by the Professors, and also, when in future it may be deemed expedient, the adjacent property belonging to them; and that a committee be appointed to consider the means by which the former of these ends can be attained—to report to-morrow. Committee to consist of J. B. O'Neale, J. B. Furman, N. L. Griffin, W. H. Brisbane, and D. R. W. M'Iver.

The Convention adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, with prayer from brother Duncan.

Tuesday Morning.

The Convention met—prayer by brother Gibson.

27. The committee on proposed amendments to the constitution, reported,

That after maturely considering the propositions, they are satisfied, that it may, and probably will be, necessary to amend the 7th article of the Constitution: but as by the 14th article this cannot be done until after a year's notice; and as the proposed amendment may involve very important considerations, and will unquestionably require, in connection with it, a detailed system of rules, as the foundation of the Furman Theological Institution, by which it may be visited and governed under the proposed amendment—your committee recommend that the Board of Agents be instructed to examine and report to the next meeting of this Convention, upon the propriety of amending the 7th article of the Constitution, so as to commit the Furman Theological Institution to a Board of Trustees, to be elected by the Convention at the end of every 4th year, and to prepare a system of rules as the foundation by which it is hereafter to be governed by them, and every other matter which may be by them deemed necessary for its better establishment and improvement, in a pecuniary, as well as every other point of view: and that the Board of Agents also take into consideration, all the various recommendations of the Treasurer, and act upon them, as to them shall appear most conducive to the welfare of the Institution. The committee are sensible of the importance that the Institution should be visited at least semi-

annually by the Board of Agents ; and they would most respectfully recommend to the Convention, that such of its members should be selected for the six Agents to be elected, as will be most likely to be punctual in their attendance at these semi-annual meetings.

This report was accepted, and concurred in.

28. The committee in relation to the purchase of the building, which has been erected for the use of the Institution, reported,

“ That they believe it may be necessary at a future day, to obtain the land and buildings owned by the Professors : but at present, they are satisfied that the Convention cannot do more than purchase the building erected for the accommodation of the Students. Professor Hartwell, to whom the site of the building, a lot of 28 acres, belongs, has offered to present it to this body. The building will cost about \$3,100. To pay this sum, this body has the proceeds of the House and lot in Edgefield, say \$1,500, which Professor Hartwell is willing to receive, in the notes of the purchaser and the mortgage, in part pay. The balance, \$1,600, the committee propose to divide into 80 shares, of \$20 each, to be taken by the members of this body, and as many others as may think proper to join in this undertaking. The persons taking these shares, will either pay the money, or make their notes to the Treasurer payable one day after date, upon the faith of which notes, (if any such be made) the Treasurer is directed to borrow the amount from any one who will advance the money. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That this Convention will purchase the building which has been erected at the expense of the Professors, for the occupancy of our Theological Students : and for the purpose of raising the sum of \$1,600 in cash for that use, that the said sum be divided into 80 shares, to be subscribed for and taken by any persons who may be willing to join in the undertaking.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be charged with carrying the preceding resolution into effect, by opening the subscription forthwith for the shares, and applying the proceeds of the house and lot in Edgefield, and the amount subscribed to the said purchase, and obtaining a clear and unincumbered title to the lot of 28 acres of land, on which the building is erected.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed, upon obtaining the title, to insure the building.

Resolved, That brother Mims be instructed to assign and deliver, under the order of the Treasurer, the notes and mortgage given for the purchase money of the house and lot in Edgefield.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to enter into a contract with the Professors, for their houses and lands, at such prices as he may think reasonable, by which this body shall have the right to elect, at any future period, whether they will take the same or either of them, upon notice from either of the Professors, or the heirs, executors, or administrators of either, that they require this body to make the election.”

This report was concurred in, the several resolutions adopted ;

and upon the opening of a subscription at the table, nearly all the shares were immediately subscribed by persons present.

29. The committee on accounts reported That they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, and find that the amounts paid and vested in stock, are well vouched. The certificates of stock, and receipts for money paid away by him, have been delivered to the Secretary for safe keeping. The accompanying account will show the several amounts received and paid away by the Treasurer.

This report was concurred in, and the Treasurer's account ordered to be published with these minutes.

30. The Board of Agents reported, by reading their whole minutes. This report was concurred in—the resolutions of the Board confirmed—and their whole minutes ordered to be printed with these minutes.

Ordered, also, That the amounts collected by the Agent, John M. Barnes, be equally divided between the permanent fund for supporting Professors, and the permanent fund for supporting Beneficiaries.

31. The report of the Professors was presented, concurred in, and ordered to be printed.

32. *Resolved,* That the following persons constitute, with the officers, the Board of Agents for the ensuing year: viz.—John B. O'Neale, N. W. Hodges, W. H. Brisbane, E. Estes, J. M. Chiles, and J. C. Furman.

33. *Resolved,* That the offer of 'the General Committee for the Charleston Baptist Association Fund,' to increase the Library of the Institution by the amount of a purchase which they have made from the Library of the late Rev. Joseph B. Cook, be accepted, under the condition, that if the Convention, or the Furman Theological Institution, should ever become extinct, the said books shall revert to the said 'General Committee,' &c. Likewise, ordered, that brother J. Hartwell be instructed to receive and deposit in the said Library, the books just mentioned; and that he furnish to the President of the said 'General Committee,' a complete list of the books now voted to be received—and also of the books formerly given by the same 'General Committee,' under a like condition. The list to be certified by his own proper signature.

Resolved, also, That the Convention entertain a grateful sense of the generosity of T. S. Grimke, Esq. of Charleston, in presenting to the Library of the Institution, a collection of books, consisting chiefly of standard classical works.

34. *Resolved,* That for the sake of distinctness, the Treasurer, in his future accounts, be instructed to include under one general head, all the moneys to which this body is now or may hereafter be entitled, which are designed to pay the salaries of Professors; distinguishing carefully between that which is for a permanent fund for this purpose, and that which may be used from time to time: and that he also observe the like course in relation to all those moneys designed for the education of Beneficiaries, adding what is for a permanent fund to the Gillison Fund—and noting, separate from this all the annual income of the said Fund, and all

other moneys which may be annually used in paying the expenses of the education of Beneficiaries.

35. *Resolved*, That the moneys which have been contributed by 'the Charleston Juvenile Female Education and Missionary Society,' from time to time, have been contributed for the purpose of laying a permanent foundation, to be annually increased by its own interest, and by their several annual contributions, until it shall amount to a sum which the said Society may deem sufficient to support by its yearly income, one Beneficiary, for ever.

Resolved, also, That the Treasurer be instructed to keep this Fund distinct from all other funds—that he report in his next accounts, the various sums by which this fund has been formed and increased, with the several times of payment and increase—and that in all his future accounts, he furnish a precise state of said fund.

Resolved, also, That the said Society have leave to inform this body when they think the said fund has amounted to a sum sufficient for the purpose thereof—until which time, no part of principal or interest can be used for any purpose whatever. That they have leave to designate a name by which the said foundation shall be known—and to declare what church shall have the privilege, if they choose to exercise it, of presenting an individual to the benefit of this foundation—provided the church they may designate, do hold and continue to hold the Confession of Faith now acknowledged in the Charleston Baptist Association—and provided also, that the Student which may be presented by said church to the benefit of said fund, shall be approved and received by the authority which may be appointed by this Convention, for receiving of Beneficiaries, as coming within the description of persons, for whose benefit this fund was originally raised.

36. Voted 1500 copies of our minutes to be printed; the mode of distribution to be left to the discretion of the Secretary; and that he be authorized to employ an assistant in this work, if it should be found necessary.

37. *Resolved*, That the following brethren, viz.: Johnson, Manly, and O'Neale, be a committee to prepare for publication an exposition of the principles and objects of our Institution, with which to furnish our Agent, for circulation.

38. *Resolved*, That the President of this body be requested to petition the Post Master General, to establish a Post Office at our Theological Institution.

39. *Resolved*, That the name of our Institution be changed to *The Furman Theological Institution*.

40. On motion of brother Estes, *Resolved*, That the Introductory Sermon preached on Saturday by the President, be printed, for public benefit.

41. A communication was presented to the Convention, addressed to it by the Hon. Job Johnston, in relation to Duelling. On which, *Resolved*, That the communication be published in our minutes, and the proposed resolutions adopted, and the President, as the organ of this body, be requested to fulfil the object of the 2nd and 3rd resolutions.

42. Voted the cordial thanks of the Convention to the inhabitants of Newberry, for their kind reception of the members, and their liberality at this meeting.

The business being finished, the President affectionately addressed the members, and adjourned the meeting with prayer and the christian benediction.

MINUTES

OF THE

BOARD OF AGENTS.

SOCIETY HILL, May 7, 1833.

The Board met. Present the President, Vice President, and Secretary, and brethren Dargan, Hodges, Bowen, Brisbane, and Chiles.

1. The subject of an agency referred to the Board, was considered—and it was agreed, that brethren Manly, Johnson, Hodges, Brisbane, Estes, and the Professors, be requested to continue their agency as heretofore, within their respective spheres.

Also, *Resolved*, That brother John M. Barnes be appointed our agent until December next—the President to certify him of his appointment, and give him a letter of instructions.

2. Appointed the Vice President and the Professors, a committee to receive beneficiaries, and superintend their expenses.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

NEWBERRY C. H. Dec. 7, 1833.

The Board met. Present the President, Treasurer, Secretary, and brethren Hodges, Brisbane, and Chiles.

1. The several local Agents made statements of the moneys collected by them—which will appear in the Treasurer's accounts.

Brother John M. Barnes, who was requested to accept an agency until this time, made a detailed report, which was accepted, and ordered to be presented, with our minutes, to the Convention.

2. *Resolved*, That brother Barnes' compensation, (at the rate of \$500 a year) be \$210 for the time employed in the service of the Convention.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

NEWBERRY C. H. Dec. 9.

The Board met—present as before.

The case of James H. De Votie, who has left the Institution without permission, and in opposition to the positive advice of the Professors, and of members of this Board, and has also written insulting letters to one of the Professors—was brought to the notice of the Board. Whereupon, *Resolved*, That he be no longer considered a beneficiary of the Convention; and that the Treasurer take measures to recover the amount expended in his education.

Resolved, To report to the Convention by presenting the whole of our minutes.

And the Board adjourned, *sine die*.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSORS
OF THE
FURMAN THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION.
DECEMBER, 1833.

Since the last report in May, the duties of the Institution have been regularly pursued. At that time there were eighteen Students. Soon after the commencement of the term, three more arrived, viz.: C. M. Breaker, Wm. H. M'Intosh, and W. Lloyd. One was compelled to relinquish study during the summer, and travel for the restoration of his health. The studies which have been pursued, have been regulated, generally, according to the course adopted and printed last spring. On account of the shortness of the term, and the non-attendance of the Board, there was no examination at the time appointed. There are several Students at the Institution, who have not been regularly received. The reason was, the Vice President having been ill, the Professors were unwilling to attend to this business alone, and chose to defer it till the meeting of the Convention, and till another committee might be appointed. Two of those who have been thus at the Institution, are unable to sustain themselves, and will, therefore, fall upon the bounty of the Convention. Several more are about coming to the Institution the beginning of next year, who will require aid, and it will be a very painful duty for the Professors to say to them that they cannot remain, as there are no funds for their support.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ACCOUNT OF JOHN B. MILLER,

TREASURER OF THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF SOUTH-CAROLINA.

1833		GILLISON FUND.	
May	By cash in hands,		\$433 31
	By of M. Mims,		32 19
Aug.	By dividends on 10 Commercial Bank Shares,		7 50
Dec.	By dividends on U. S. Stock,		119 00
	By do Union Bank,		9 00
			<hr/> \$601 00
1833			
July	To 10 Shares in Commercial Bank, certificate No. 39		272 50
Dec.	To 8 Shares Planters & Mechanics Bank, No. 7542, a \$37 50		300 00
	Balance in hand,		28 50
			<hr/> \$601 00
1833		PERMANENT FUND FOR SALARIES,	
May	By cash in hands,		\$158 06
	Deduct credited to this fund, instead of Scholarships for salaries, of B. Manly, Minutes 1833, p. 18,		60 00
			<hr/> 98 06
July 22,	By of B. Manly, (p. 22) T. J. Gantt, \$40, T. Stephens, \$20, C. Burkmyer, \$10, C. H. Lamneau, \$20, A. C. Smith, \$10, B. Smith, \$100, Rev. J. Mercer, \$20, a friend, \$100, in part of the principal of a bond of \$500, by a friend of the Institution, \$13 75, in all		342 75

Aug.	By dividends on 5 Commercial Bank Shares,	3 75
	By cash of Rev. Mr. Barnes, deposited in Commercial Bank,	100 00
Sept.	By " of same,	110 00
Dec.	By " on U. S. Bank Shares,	3 50
	By " on Union do	1 50
	By " on 5 per cent. Stock	10 69
	By " of J. M. Barnes of several persons,	127 75

\$798 00

1833		
July	To 5 Commercial Bank Shares, certificate No. 39,	136 25
Dec.	To 9 Shares Planters & Mechanics Bank, No. 7542, a \$37 50,	337 50

473 75

Balance in hands,

324 25

\$798 00

1833 FOREIGN MISSIONS.

May	By cash in hand,	\$00 31
	" half collection at meeting of Convention,	35 83
	" of Fem. Mission. and Ben. Society, Mt. Moriah Church,	5 50
	" Benevolent Society of Bethlehem, Edgefield,	39 22
Nov.	By of J. C. Furman, for Dr. Balfour,	5 00
Dec.	" half collection on Lord's day at Newberry Court House,	67 90
	" of James Thomas, from the Welsh Neck Association,	30 00
	" N. L. Griffin, Treas. of Edgefield Association, of said Assoc'n,	153 82

\$337 58

1833		
Aug.	To cash sent H. Lincoln,	81 00
	Balance in hand,	256 58

\$337 58

	By cash of the Benevolent Society at Walnut Grove,	6 50
	And \$1 of Wheeler Bank,	1 00

7 50

1833 DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

May	By cash in hand,	\$22 00
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1833 FOR AGENCY.

May	By cash in hand,	\$27 70
Dec.	" " of J. M. Barnes,	210 00

237 70

	To paid J. M. Barnes for his services,	210 00
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27 70

1833 FUND TO AID YOUNG MEN.

May	By cash in hand,	\$35 57
	" " Fem. Mis. and Ben. Society of Mt. Moriah Church,	20 00
	" " Newberry Baptist Church—	
	J. S. Clark, \$2, S. C. Harrington, 3,	5 00
	J. H. Hunt, 1, W. Burtan, 1, C. C. Gary, 2,	4 00
	S. Harmandis, 2, W. Croker, 1	3 00
	J. C. Harrington, 5, R. R. Nance, 5,	10 00
	T. Sheppard 1, R. Potts, 1, Dr. S. Fair, 3,	5 00
Aug. 31,	By collection at Hamburg. per W. B. Johnson,*	50 00

\$132 57

* W. B. Johnson collected at Hamburg \$63. Fifty, as above, were paid to the Treasurer, and the balance paid for Mr. Lloyd's expenses in going to the Institution, and other matters.

1833,		
Aug. 7,	To cash paid for clothing for James T. Sweat-	\$50 00
	Balance in hands,	82 57

132 57

1833 FUND FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.

May	To amount due by this fund.	5 40
	By cash of Newberry Church,	9 25

3 85

Dec.	By cash of W. H. Brisbane of Savannah River Association,	6 25
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10 10

1833 LIBRARY.

May	By cash of M. Mims, for house rent,	100 00
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July	To cash paid J. Hartwell,	100 00
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1833 EDUCATION FUND.

May	By cash in hand,	97 41
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"	half collection at meeting of Convention,	35 83
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"	subscription of Mr. Gibson per Mr. Brisbane,	64 55
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July	By of B. Manly, old subscription of Mrs. A. Wilkins, (min p 22)	40 00
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"	of General Committee of Charleston Association churches,	200 00
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Dec.	By Female Auxiliary Education Society of Edisto, Wadmalaw, and the adjacent main-land,	86 00
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"	from a Lady at Newberry, (being put into the collection on Lord's day)	50 00
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"	of J. O'Bannon, for Mrs. C. Y. Trotti, Treasuser of the Female Benevolent Society of Barnwell District, for education of young men,	30 00
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"	of W. H. Brisbane, subscription of Mr. Gibson—Benjamin R. Bostick, \$250, Mrs. Sealy 25,	275 00
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"	of Mr. Barnes, of sundry persons,	337 75
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"	half collection on Lord's day at Newberry Court House,	67 90
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"	N. L. Griffin, Treasurer of the Edgefield Association, from said Association,	202 42
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"	of benevolent females of the neighborhood of Columbia and Steel Creek Churches, Barnwell District,	10 50
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1497 36

Oct	To cash paid S. Furman for boarding Geo. Kempton,	50 00
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	To paid for a box to keep papers, &c. in,	7 50
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57 50

	Balance in hand,	1439 86
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1497 36

1833 FURMAN THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION.

May	By cash in hand,	\$238 71
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July	" " of Benevolent Society of Bethlehem, Edgefield,	5 00
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Dec.	" " of Z. Rudolph, per B. Manly,	10 00
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253 71

1833		
June 25,	To paid W. Riley's account for printing,	84 37

July	To paid J. Hartwell for boarding E. Lathrop & J. H. Devotie,	50 00
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Oct	To paid S. Furman for boarding J. T. Sweat & W. J. Harley,	100 00
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234 37

	Balance,	19 34
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253 71

1833.			
Dec	By cash of the Benevolent Society of Walnut Grove,	6 50	
"	" of the Wheeler Bank,	1 00	\$7 50

1833 FUND FOR SCHOLARSHIP.

May	By cash in hand,		81 10
July	By " Juvenile Female Education and Missionary Society, for Permanent Scholarship,		100 00
July	By dividends on Commercial Bank Shares,		1 50
Dec	" on United States Bank Share,		3 50
"	" 2 Union Shares,		3 00
"	" Charleston Juv. Fem. Education & Missionary Society,		100 00
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July	To 2 Commercial Bank Shares, certificate No. 39,		54 50
Dec	To 3 Planters & Mechanics Bank Shares, No. 7561, at \$37 50,		112 50
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	Balance in hand,		122 10
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JESSE HARTWELL, PROFESSOR.

1832 & 1833.	By amount his salary for two years,		2000 00
1833			
May	To amount paid him as reported,	\$919 52	
July	To paid him \$91, 95, and 15,	201 00	
Aug	To do	128 08	
Nov	To do	173 00	
Dec	To do	92 25	4513 85

436 15

SAMUEL FURMAN, PROFESSOR.

1832	By $\frac{1}{4}$ salary from April to December, 1832,		750 30
1833	By do one year,		1000 00
			<hr/> 1750 00
May	To amount paid him as reported,	\$920 52	
July	To do \$194, and 275 78,	469 78	1390 30
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EDWARD LATHROP, BENEFICIARY.

1833			
July	To paid J. Hartwell for boarding,		03 25

1833 JAMES H. DEVOTIE, BENEFICIARY.

July	To paid J. Hartwell for boarding,		25 00
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1833 WM. J. HARLEY, BENEFICIARY.

Oct	To paid S. Furman for boarding,		50 00
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1833 GEORGE KEMPTON, BENEFICIARY.

Oct	To paid S. Furman for boarding,		50 00
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1833 JAMES T. SWEAT, BENEFICIARY.

Aug. 7.	To cash paid S. Furman to purchase clothing,		50 00
Oct	To paid S. Furman for boarding,		50 00
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1833 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SALARIES OF PROFESSORS.

May	By cash in hand,		9 00
June	By E. Pringle, Of J. Hartwell,		4 00

July	By cash of Mt. Moriah Church,	\$39 00
	“ of Newberry Church, M. T. Mendenhall, J. S. Carwell, J. B. O’Neale, Y. J. Harrington, & D. Nance,	25 00
	T. Pratt \$5, F. B. Higgins 10, J. Ramage 2,	17 00
	J. K. Griffin \$5, E. Potts 5,	10 00
	Of Rev. J. Phillips,	3 00
	Of W. H. Brisbane, per J. Hartwell,	95 00
	Of do per Hartwell and Treasurer, \$15, & 194,	209 00
	Of S. Furman of W. F. Nexsen,	5 00
	Miss Howell 5, Col. F. Meyers, 15 78,	20 78
	James Adams 10, J. R. Adams 5,	15 00
	Mrs. S. Goodwin 15, S. Nexsen 5,	20 00—60 78
	Of Furman & Marvin,	70 00
	J. Rees \$10, W. Western 10,	20 00
	R. Adams 10, Mrs. S. E. Adams 15,	25 00
	Mrs. G. Adams 40, James Adams 20,	60 00
	J. R. Adams 10, Joel Adams 30,	40 00—145 00
	Of L. A. Watson \$6, E. Crosby 3,	9 00
	By amount of B. Manly, as stated in minutes, May 1833, p. 22, \$365, 31; of this accounted for in account, p. 20, as paid S. Furman, \$75 68, in Aug. 1832, and Dec. of B. Manly, \$186 56, and \$60, to Permanent fund for Salaries, p. 18, by mistake in Dec. 1832, in all \$322 24,	43 07
	Add for Permanent fund as above,	60 00
Nov. 25,	Of J. Hartwell,	
	Judge Evans \$10, James Law 6,	\$16 00
	S. J. Murray 10, H. Jennings 10,	20 00
	J. Graham 2, S. Leggett 2,	4 00
	M. Leggett 2, Camden Church 42,	44 00
	W. Timmons 15, J. M. Timmons 30,	45 00
	J. Woods 2, E. M. A. Woods 2	4 00
	M. A. Blackwood 6, J. Good 2,	8 00
	W. Kervin 2, Miles Vance 1,	3 00
	Julia Terrell 2, John H. David 1	3 00
	Elizabeth Easterling 1, M. A. Pouncey 2,	3 00
	A. K. Pouncey 2, D. Palmer 2,	4 00
	W. Sims 15, J. M. Reasonover 4,	19 00—173 00
Dec.	By of Wm. P. Poyas 5, Miss F. Smelie 5, Mrs. A. L. Wheeler 5, Mrs. M. Adams 5, Mrs. M. Holwell 5, Mrs. C. Blackwood 5, interest on a bond of \$500, in all	58 25
	By of W. H. Brisbane, to wit.	
	Mrs. J. Bostick \$25, A. J. Lawton 10, R. T. Lawton 5,	30 00
	By of W. B. Johnson, agent,	4 00
		1064 11
	To paid J. Hartwell,	\$594 33
	To paid S. Furman,	469 78—1064 11

1833

PERMANENT FUND.

Dec.	By cash part principal of a bond of \$300,	\$15 00
	By C. Entzminger,	50 00
		65 00

STATEMENT.

Gillison Fund,	\$28 50
Permanent fund for Salaries,	324 25
Foreign Missions,	264 08
Domestic Missions,	22 00
For Agency,	27 70
To aid Young Men,	82 57
For General Purposes,	10 10
Library,	00 00
Education Fund,	1439 86
Furman Academy, &c,	26 84
Fund for Scholarship,	122 10
Fund for Salaries,	00 00
Permanent Fund,	65 00
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	\$2413 00

We have examined the foregoing accounts and statement, and find them correct. This 10th December, 1833.

M. T. MENDENHALL, *Chairman*.
JENNINGS O'BANNON.

FUNDS OF CONVENTION.

A House and Lot in the Village of Edgefield,
A balance due on a former Treasurer's Bond.

GILLISON FUND—

34 United States Bank Shares,
6 Union Bank do
10 Commercial Bank do
8 Planters & Mechanics do

PERMANENT FUND FOR SALARIES—

1 United States Bank Share,
1 Union do
5 Commercial do
9 Planters & Mechanics do
5 per cent. State Stock, \$306 63, and 286 62—\$593 30.

FUND FOR SCHOLARSHIP—

1 United States Bank Share,
2 Union do
2 Commercial do
3 Planters & Mechanics do

A Bond for \$500, at 6 per cent, (with sundry credits, leaving a balance due, Oct. 13, of \$455) in the hands of B. Manly, by request of obligor.

A number of outstanding uncollected subscriptions belonging to the Convention, all of which will not be due until 1835, are not noticed in the preceding summary.

AGENTS' REPORTS.

REPORT OF REV. J. M. BARNES, AGENT.

*To the Board of Agents for the Baptist State Convention of
South-Carolina :*

DEAR BRETHREN—

Your Agent would affectionately and respectfully report, that he has endeavored to discharge the duty which you assigned him at your last meeting. From the circumstances under which he has been placed, he has confined his efforts in the collection of a permanent fund, entirely to the two Districts of Fairfield and Chester. Here he was compelled to pursue the object of his appointment with great caution, and much of his labor consisted in overcoming the prejudices which many of our excellent brethren had entertained, from the misrepresentations previously made to them of the design of the Convention. Your Agent indulges the hope, that although a large amount has not been collected this year, yet his labors will result in more effectual and permanent assistance in the future. He has invariably found the brethren and friends ready to bestow some portion of their liberality on this object, as soon as they have been made acquainted with the true objects of the Convention, and their prejudices removed. He has no hesitation in saying, that, should a competent and energetic Agent be appointed, a competent fund can be collected, within the limits of this State. This opinion is founded on his knowledge of a great variety of character in the upper country, as well as in the lower.

The funds which have been collected, are to go towards a permanent fund for the Professorships, and for the support of Beneficiaries—and they stand as follows :

Mrs. Mary M'Quiston's Legacy, paid	\$95 00
Woodward Baptist Church,	112 00
Rock Creek do	46 00
Buffalo do	41 00
Concord do	164 50
Little River do	48 00
Fairfield do	89 00
Wateree do	90 00
Hopewell do	37 00
Calvary do	17 00
Mount Zion do	91 00
Fellowship do	35 00
Cedar Creek, (one member)	5 00

Making in cash paid,	\$880 50
There is still due for this year in several of the Churches, and most of which is good.	160 00

In all for this year,	\$1040 50
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The plan which your agent pursued, was to get subscriptions for two years, and by this plan has secured a subscription of \$500 or \$600 for the next year, the exact amount of which cannot be stated—though he is of opinion that at least \$600, if not \$1000 more may be expected from the two Districts already named—and this particularly, should one with whom the people are acquainted, go to them.

In the foregoing statement of money received, I would state, that the Legacy of our beloved sister M'Quiston, was originally \$100, but in consequence of some deficiency in the assets of her Estate, but \$95 was received.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. BARNES, *Agent*.

In addition to the above, \$5 has been received from Mr. Frederick Nance, of Newberry.

REPORT OF REV. WM. H. BRISBANE, AGENT, May, 1833.

As Agent of the Convention, I beg to report, that my engagements have been such that I could not give much attention during the past year to the objects of the Agency, but during the time I appropriated for that purpose, I have succeeded in making collections as follows—viz. :

GIBSON'S SUBSCRIPTION.

Isaac B. Ulmer,	\$20 00
I. A. E. Chovin,	35 00
Thomas Willingham,	12 00
Richard R. Box,	2 00
John H. Robert,	30 00
Benjamin R. Robert,	25 00
James Sealey,	25 00
Henry Smart,	13 00
Mary A. Brisbane,	15 00
Elizabeth M. Brisbane,	10 00
Henry Bailey,	15 00
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	\$202 00

SCHOLARSHIPS.

John R. Bostick,	\$10 00—2d and 3d instalments.
Robert T. Lawton,	10 00—2d and 3d do.
Josiah Johnson,	4 00—2d and 3d do.
Darling Peeples,	30 00—2d do.
Barnwell Female Mite Society,	60 00—2d and 3d do.
Robert G. Norton,	30 00—1st and 2d do.
Elizabeth Graham,	30 00—1st and 2d do.
Mrs. Barksdale,	100 00—2d do.
Mrs. E. Stoney,	30 00—1st and 2d do.
Mrs. Jane Lawton,	6 00—2d and 3d do.
Winborn A. Lawton,	4 00—3d do.
John H. Robert,	15 00—1st, 2d & 3d do.
Mrs. A. M. Huquenin,	60 00—2d and 3d do.
Mrs. Sarah Kirk,	5 00—2d do.
I. A. E. Chovin,	60 00—2d and 3d do.
Wm. H. Brisbane,	30 00—3d do.
Anna Brisbane,	3 00—3d do.
Mrs. Mary Taylor,	10 00—2d and 3d do.
John Taylor,	6 00—2d and 3d do.
Mrs. Sarah Jaudon,	3 00—3d do.
John Riley	6 00—2d and 3d do.

A. J. Lawton,	10 00—3d	instalment
Mrs. Sarah Lawton,	5 00—3d	do.
Col. William Fuller,	90 00—1st, 2d & 3d	do.
Miss Civility Maner,	6 00—2d and 3d	do.

\$623 00

PERMANENT FUND.

J. W. Clark,	\$10 00
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RECAPITULATION.

Gibson's Subscription,	\$202 00
Scholarships,	623 00
Permanent Fund,	10 00

Total, \$835 00*

In addition to the above, I have also been acting under an Agency from the General Committee of the Savannah River Baptist Association, for the purpose of raising a permanent fund to be retained in that Association, the interest of which is to be appropriated to the support of Professorships in the Furman Institution. The amount I have collected for that object, during the same period I was employed in collecting the above, is \$138—making the whole amount I have collected since the last meeting of the Convention, \$973.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WM. HENRY BRISBANE, *Agent.*

* The above amount credited in *bulk* last May, and not entered *specifically* on the minutes, but now printed merely as receipts to the donors, at brother Brisbane's request.

STATE OF ASSOCIATIONS IN SOUTH-CAROLINA.

Associations.	Origin	Ch's.	O.M.	Lic.	Bap.	Total.	Meetings in 1834.
Charleston	1751	36	19	10	432	5454	Ebenezer—1st Saturday in November
Bethel	1789	33	20	4	576	2745	New Hope—Spar. 1st 3. in Oct.
Broad River*	1800	22	15	2		1718	
Savannah River	1802	38	15	7	1174	6807	Pipe Creek—4th Sat. in November
Saluda	1803	29	18	8	308	2690	Peniel, Ab. Friday bef. 2d Sab. in Aug
Cape Fear*	1805	6	2	0	87	290	Cedar Creek, Cum. Co. Oct. 10
Edgefield	1808	51	28	12	878	5717	Lit. Steph. Creek—3rd S. Oct.
Moriah*	1816	9	6	2		472	
Reedy River	1826	29	14	7	537	2912	Durban's Cr'k. Laur.—3rd S. Sept.
12 Mile River	1829	11	6	3	133	655	
Welsh Neck	1832	24	10	4	235	9621	Bennetsville, Mar.—2d S. in Nov.
Tyger River	1833	10				1360	Clear Spring, Green. 1 S. Nov.
		298	153	59	4360	33341	

The average number of baptisms, being 20 to each Church, it is probable that the number baptized is not less than 5,300—and the total in all the Churches may be rated at between thirty and thirty-five thousand.

* No recent accounts—the numbers stand as reported in last minutes of Convention. The number of Churches, as here stated, includes only those, in each Association, which are located in this State.

The following communication was received from the Hon. John Johnston, and ordered to be printed.

NEWBERRY, Dec. 4, 1833.

I deem it unnecessary to offer any apology to a body, associated for the promotion of the best interests of man, here and hereafter, for inviting their attention to a subject of the highest importance to every member of the human family.

The occurrences of the last year or two, bear evidence to the alarming fact, that the murderous practice of Duelling, the blighting effects of which upon the morals, the peace and happiness of individuals, families, and society at large, it is surely needless to depict, so far from being on the decline, as good men had begun to hope, is taking deeper and deeper root, and spreading with a terrific vigor, wider and wider.

All who have observed this, and all must have observed it, can have but one desire; and that is, that if it be possible, this practice, shocking both to the christian and the philanthropist, may be arrested. As a parent and as a public magistrate, I have reflected much and anxiously upon the means by which this may most probably and most effectually be accomplished.

All must agree, that all means, however wisely contrived, must fail, if they include not a rectification of public opinion. So efficacious is opinion, that laws are seldom required to punish what it censures; but if required, then, it forms the most powerful assistant to their due and complete execution. But on the other hand, no laws can be executed when it stands opposed to them.

A practice to be put down must not only be generally reprobated; society must be brought to countenance and sustain those who, through a sense of right, resist temptation to indulge in it.

It is in vain to hope that men of acute sensibility, uninfluenced by religion, will abstain from duelling, whilst the community, and too often men professing to be religious, among others, hold a refusal to stain the hands with blood and to pollute the soul with murder, to be infamous, while he who has violated the highest laws of both God and man, is honored and cheered with popular applause: Indeed it may be said, in many cases, that the direct parties to duels are less criminal than society at large. Is not the right of society to punish much abated by the consideration, that those whom it accuses of a violation of its peace and order, have been driven to the offence by its own voice: That by an officious intermeddling, when parties would willingly compromise, and often by impertinent criticisms upon the adjustment of differences, it has as it were, made them mere instruments, to do the awful work of shedding human blood, and destroying human life. What an use for society to make of the love of character; a principle so exalted in itself, and so useful to society if rightly directed.

The spirit of murder is really in the community itself, in the present state of public opinion; for no one is more emphatically a murderer, than he who is never content but when he, by his censures or counsels, is propelling his fellow-creatures to its commission.

A sounder state of opinion than exists, is indispensable to the extirpation of duelling. When this shall have been brought about, in some degree, the enemies of that practice may, with hopeful prospects, concert its destruction. They may then bring their humane projects together, compare them, and elaborate an efficacious remedy. The more enemies to the practice are stirred up, the more judgments will be engaged in devising one: and a remedy, which in the present state of opinion might prove abortive, might, in a sounder state of the public feeling, prove completely efficacious.

It has occurred to me that, as means to attain ends so desirable, the following promise too much to be left without trial.

Let the Church do its office. Let the Conventions, Associations, Conferences, Presbyteries and Synods, of the different orders of religious men, enjoin it upon their ministers to set apart several days in each year, and by fervent addresses, invoke the community to salutary reform. Let the Judiciary call the attention of the Grand Juries to the subject. Let society be awakened; and let the whole community be thus armed and prepared to march upon the malefactors who are disturbing its peace, and destroying the happiness of its members.

When this is done, a general convention of the friends of humanity may meet, with some prospect of devising a remedy, to be carried out by legislative action, or by voluntary associations, or both.

I am so impressed with this, that I cannot forbear to request your serious consideration of it: and to request

1. That your ministers be requested to set apart days, and deliver addresses, as above indicated.

2. That you request the heads of Churches of other denominations, to concur with you.

3. That (if in your judgment it be expedient) you call upon the judicial officers to charge the Grand Juries upon the subject.

You will please excuse the imperfection of the foregoing suggestions. Haste forbids my revision of them.

Most respectfully,

JOB JOHNSTON.

RULES

For the government of the Furman Theological Institution, adopted by the Board of the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South-Carolina, at Newberry Court House, on the 11th day of December, 1833.

The Convention having vested the Board of Agents with the more immediate management of the Furman Theological Institution, the following regulations are in pursuance of this authority, now adopted, and made of force for its government.

1. The Board shall appoint an Executive Committee of three, residing near the Institution, who, if not otherwise entitled, shall have a right to sit and vote in the meetings of the Board, when transacting the business of the Institution. To this committee, in connexion with the Professors, the Board in its recess commits the charge of whatever relates to the conduct and morals of the Students generally, the care of the buildings, the examination and admission of Beneficiaries, the arrangement of their boarding, clothing, and other expenses.

2. The executive authority, in the internal regulation of the Institution, and the administration of its discipline, shall be vested in the Professors alone. But in any case, that may be judged necessary by the Professors, the Executive Committee shall be called to their assistance.

3. There shall be two sessions of the Institution, two examinations, and two vacations, in each year. The first session shall commence on the first day of January, and continue to the last day of July. The second session shall commence on the first day of September, and continue to the last day of November. The first examination shall take place on the Friday before the last Lord's day in April, and the second at the close of the second session. The first vacation shall embrace the month of August, and the second, the month of December.

4. Into this Institution, Beneficiaries shall be received, who shall be regular members of some Baptist Church in connexion with the Baptist Denomination. They must be such as have not the means of their support in part or in whole. They shall bring with them certificates from their Churches, approving of them, as called of God to the sacred Ministry, and undergo an examination by the Professors before the Executive Committee. Besides, the general direction of the Studies in the Institution, which is committed to the Professors, the course of the Beneficiaries is more especially commended to their particular regard. In this momentous concern, special reference will be had to capacity, and to the life of religion in the soul and conduct. Whilst some may pursue science extensively, others should be limited to a plain English Education.

5. The Students in the Institution shall occasionally exercise their gifts in public preaching, under the direction of the Professors. And particularly during each vacation, shall such of them, as in the judgment of the Professors, are sufficiently improved, perform an itinerant tour through the Churches in the State, keeping a diary of their tour, and making a report of it to the Professors, which report shall be laid before the Board at its stated meetings.

6. The Beneficiaries shall be placed by the Executive Committee at the Boarding House, at which each is respectively to board, from which they shall not be permitted to withdraw, without the direction of the Committee. And any cause of complaint in relation to the Board, shall be investigated and decided by the said Committee. In the event of any difference between the Professors and the Students, it shall be investigated and decided by the same Committee.

7. In the event of any difference of opinion between the Professors, in relation to the studies to be pursued by a Student, the course of studies to be pursued shall be prescribed by the Executive Committee.

8. The Executive Committee shall present a report of its proceedings to the Board, at its stated meetings.

The Committee for the ensuing year, consists of the brethren John B. Miller, Chairman; Wood Furman, and William G. Barret,

W. RILEY,

No. 110 Church-street, (third door South of Broad-st.)

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
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